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125-103 E. Montgomery St. (South side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

c. 1836-1855

The majority of houses on this side of the 100 block of E. Montgomery St. are two and a half story, late Federal style brick houses, a number of which have Greek-Revival influenced exterior door and window lintels with bull's-eye decorated corner blocks. The houses were built by individual owners in the late 1830's and early 1840's. Robert Culley, a local shipbuilder built 105-107 and 113 E. Montgomery St. and his brother Langley, also an important local shipbuilder, built and lived in 119 E. Montgomery St. The pair of houses at 121-123 E. Montgomery St. are two story plus attic houses, built in the late 1840's. The tall, three story, three bay wide Classical Revival structure at 125 E. Montgomery St., now serving a commercial function, was originally built as the home of the Watchman Fire Company, a local, volunteer fire company organized in the early 1850's. The original structure on the site was built about 1855; the current enlargement and remodeling probably dates to the early years of this century.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

103 E. Montgomery St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

___UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

___NO

PRESENT USE

___AGRICULTURE

___COMMERCIAL

___EDUCATIONAL

___ENTERTAINMENT

___GOVERNMENT

___INDUSTRIAL

___MILITARY

___MUSEUM

___PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___RELIGIOUS

___SCIENTIFIC

___TRANSPORTATION

___OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☒ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This three story, two bay brick house with shed roof and wooden cornice represents ~~either~~ an enlargement ~~or a replacement~~ of the original 2 1/2 story house that was built on this site c. 1839-1840.

The house is three stories in height, 15' wide, and extends back on a lot 80'6" deep.*The facade is constructed in Flemish bond, the side and rear walls in common bond. The shed roof is surmounted by a cornice of Classical Revival design consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding supported by a row of thick dentils. The wooden frieze area below is punctuated by two wide rectangular recessed panels. The carved wooden end brackets which support the cornice are surmounted by modified acroteria and decorated on their lower face by two vertical grooves--motifs common to brackets of this style in the Federal Hill area. The wooden cornice rests on a slightly projecting brick cornice. A double hooded rectangular chimney is located along the northern portion of the west end wall of the house; a triple hooded rectangular chimney is located along the west end wall further to the rear.

The second floor window openings, and the basement opening, have segmentally arched brick lintels with scroll-sawed tympanums. The third floor window openings have no lintels. The door, and the first floor window opening have round arched lintels. All of the sills are stone. The second and third floor openings are filled with new 6/6 sash. The wide first floor window is fitted with two upper vertical panels of glass, cut to fit the curve of the round arch, set over a single lower panel. A modern six panel door is surmounted by a single light transom, the glass cut to fit the curve of the arch. A row of dentil carvings separates the door from the transom area. The house sits on a high basement, the entrance being reached by a flight of three wide marble steps with a modern iron railing. A wide, rectangular basement opening is located to the right of the steps.

*There is a two story high, two bay deep rear addition.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1836-39 orig./enl. c.1882 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Joseph Donovan

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is representative of a fairly large number of houses in the Federal Hill area that were originally built in the 1840's and 1850's with gable roofs but whcih were remodeled after the Civil War in the currently fashionable Victorian style, with the front roof gable being raised and rebuilt as a shed roof, and a modern bracketed cornice added. This house undoubtedly closely resembled its immediate 2 1/2 story neighbors.

The house was built by Joseph Donovan, who also built the original row of gable-roofed houses which extended between 801 and 807 Light St.(but which were later enlarged and remodeled). Donovan sold this house in 1839 for \$750 to a Sarah Glanden, a milliner.¹ It was probably remodeled when it finally passed out of the Glanden family in 1882.

¹Baltimore City Land REcords, Liber TK 289, Folio 289; Baltimore City Directory, 1840

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BYNAME/TITLE
M.E. Hyaward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

3/79

STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

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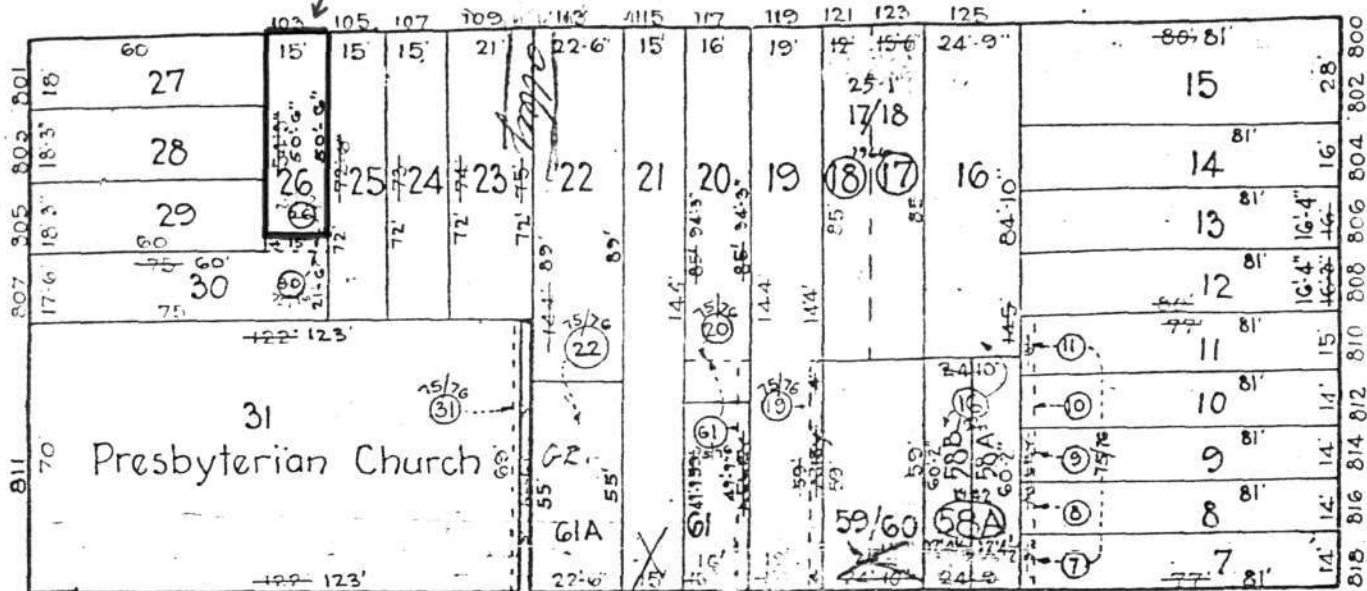
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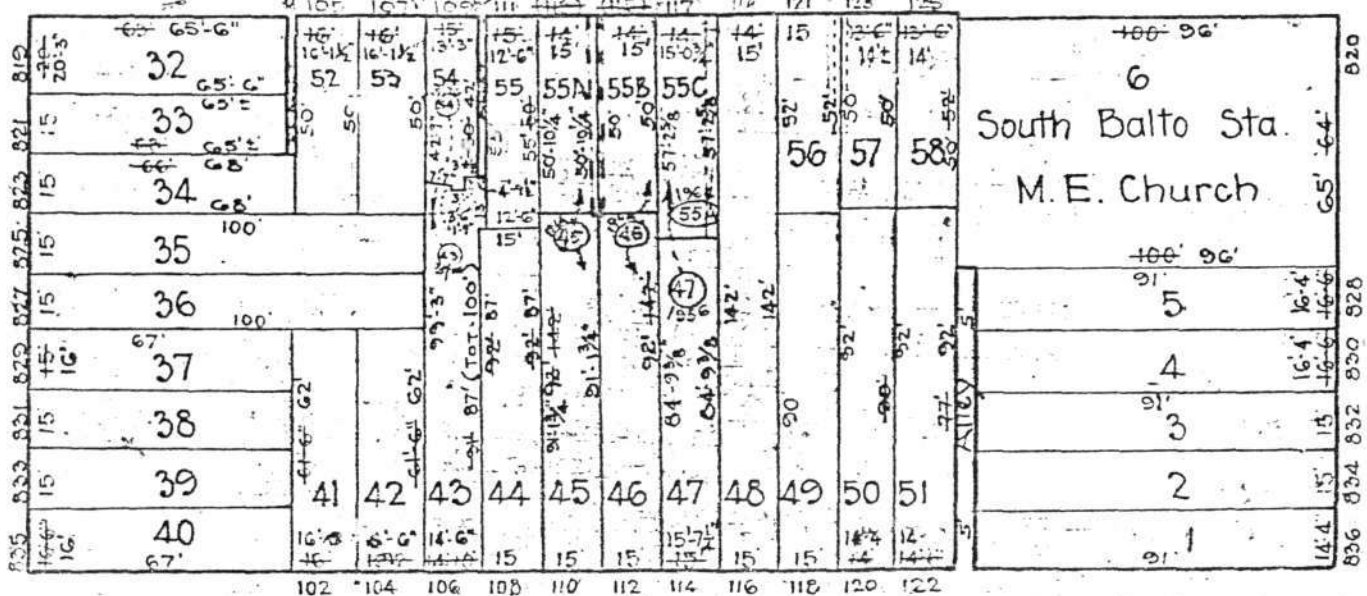
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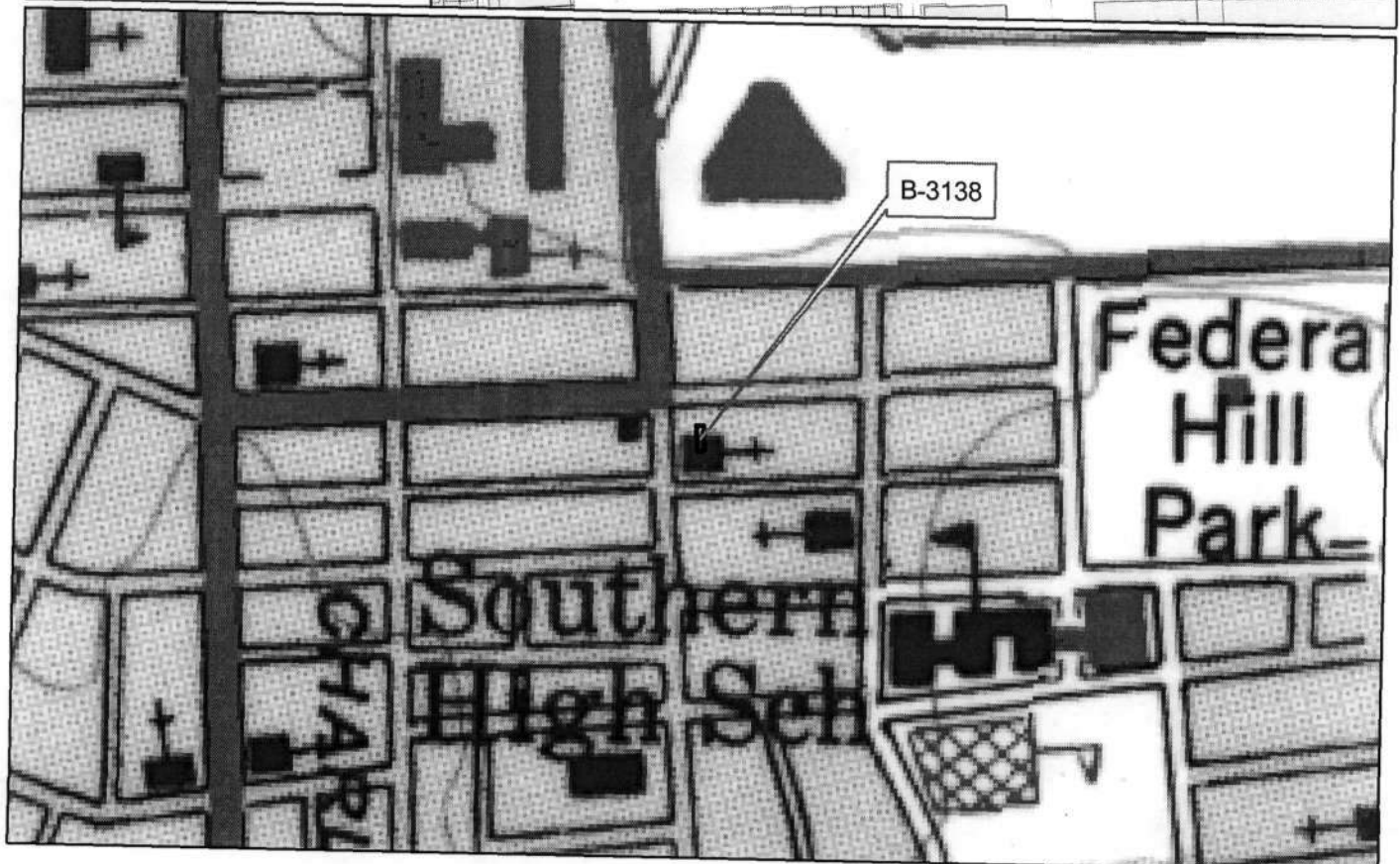
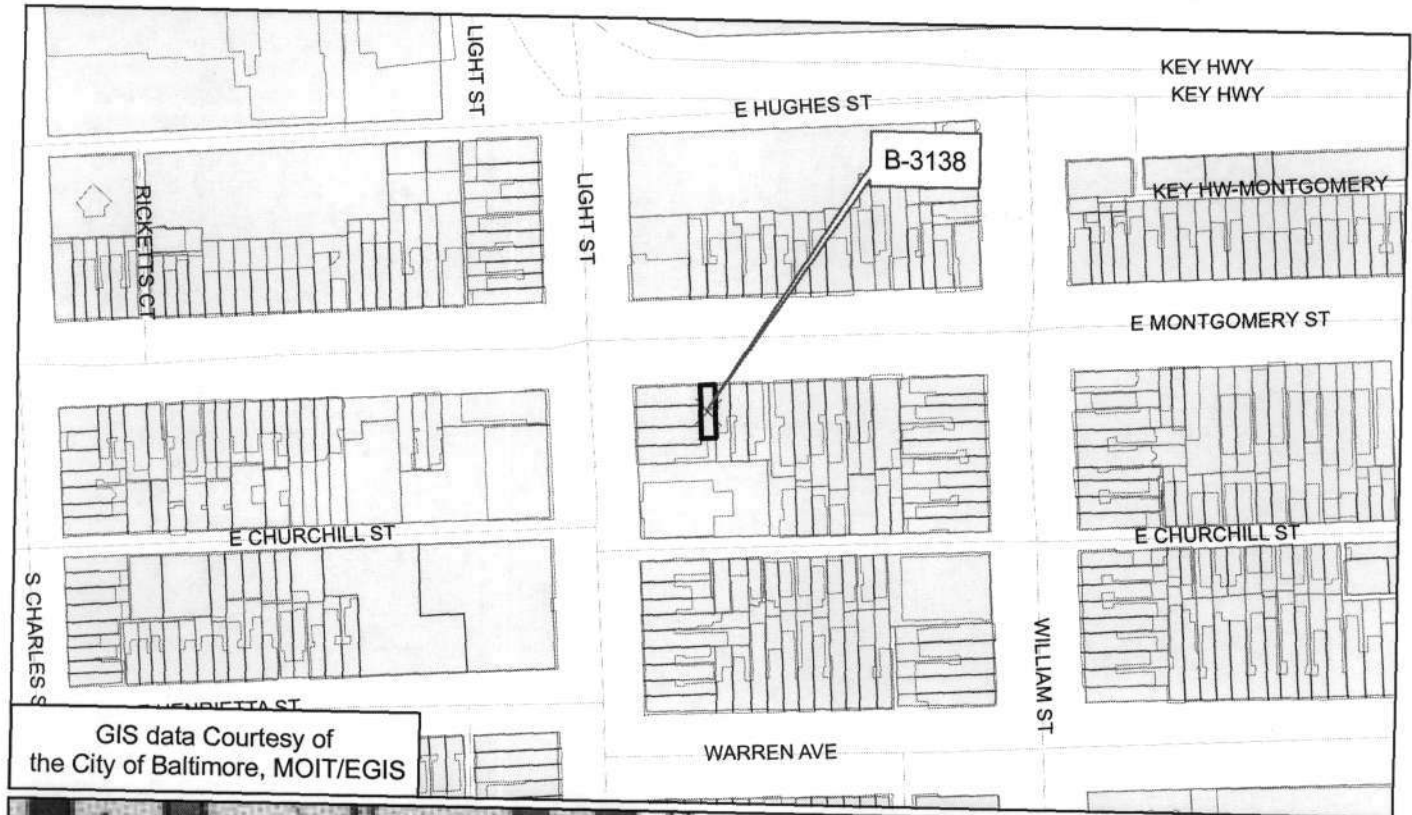
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103 E. Montgomery Street
Block 0906 Lot 026
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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North elevation